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COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE UPDATE, FRIDAY, OCT 31 ***Three Backcountry Libraries Remain Closed Because of Wildfires***

The Descanso, Julian and Pine Valley Branches of the San Diego County Library are still closed because of the wildfires which have ravaged San Diego County.

Assuming the fires are fully extinguished in the coming days, these three branches will reopen on Tuesday, November 4. Regular Mobile Library Service is likewise projected to resume on Tuesday, November 4.

Fines for overdue books will be dealt with on a case by case basis, as will books lost in the catastrophe. Insurance company, police reports, Red Cross affidavits and news accounts of property losses will be relied upon to document claims of books destroyed in the fires.

"Library customers become close friends to library staff in the communities they serve. Staff want to express their heartfelt sympathy and concern for the library customers who have lost their homes in this catastrophe," said San Diego County Library Director Marilyn Crouch.

At least three members of the County Library staff have lost their homes. Some County Library workers who themselves were evacuated and still have not been able to return to their homes are back at their jobs, ready to serve the public.

For more information, contact San Diego County Library Headquarters at (858) 694-2415.

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